

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph after the title on page 1:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a U.S. national stage application and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/AU2004/001292 filed on September 22, 2004, entitled BACKWASH AND CLEANING METHOD, which is based on Australian Patent Application No. 2003905174 filed on September 22, 2003, entitled BACKWASH AND CLEANING METHOD, each of which is entirely incorporated herein by reference for all purposes, and to which this application claims the benefit of priority.